Nota Bene, Phi Theta Kappa's honors anthology (see https://www.ptk.org/nota-bene)

Submit Your Manuscript

Upon registering, you will receive a link via email to the Submission Form.

Nota Bene, Latin for "note well," is Phi Theta Kappa's honors anthology. It recognizes outstanding writing of Phi Theta Kappa members and demonstrates to the literary public the academic excellence and commitment to scholarship found at two-year colleges. The first issue of Nota Bene was published in 1994; it has been published annually ever since.

The Ewing Citation Scholarship Award, a scholarship of $1,000, is given to the author of the Nota Bene manuscript considered to be the most outstanding of all entries.

This award is named in honor of Nell Ewing, long-time Phi Theta Kappa staff member who was a driving force behind Nota Bene, beginning with its conceptual design and establishment. Ewing retired in 2012 after serving 26 years with Phi Theta Kappa.

Four authors receive the Reynolds Scholarship Awards, scholarships of $500 each. These awards are endowed by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. They honor the memory of the late Donald W. Reynolds, founder of the Donrey Media Group.

View past Nota Bene winners

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the deadline for the next issue of Nota Bene?
The deadline for submitting 2014 Nota Bene entries is April 4, 2014.

Who can submit entries to Nota Bene?

Only Phi Theta Kappa members may submit manuscripts. Members may only submit manuscripts while enrolled in the two-year college.

What can be submitted?

Qualitative and quantitative research papers, poetry, short stories, essays and drama are accepted for consideration.

There is a limit of five (5) entries per person.

There are limits on the number of entries one person can submit in a single genre:

- No more than five (5) poems may be submitted.
- No more than three (3) short stories may be submitted.
- No more than three (3) essays may be submitted.
- No more than three (3) works of drama may be submitted.
- No more than two (2) qualitative or quantitative research papers may be submitted. 

No single entry may exceed 2,500 words.

Can a member submit more than one entry in more than one category?

A member may submit manuscripts in any category he or she wishes, as long as the total number of works entered does not exceed five (5).

Who receives Nota Bene?

Nota Bene is mailed to advisors, college presidents and college libraries.

How do I submit manuscripts to Nota Bene?

All Nota Bene entries must be submitted electronically using the form on this page. Hard copies of manuscripts will not be accepted.

Are awards given to Nota Bene authors?

The author of the manuscript judged most outstanding will receive the Ewing Citation Scholarship Award, a scholarship of $1,000. Authors of four manuscripts will be named recipients of Reynolds Scholarship Awards, scholarships of $500 each. These awards are endowed by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. They honor the memory of the late Donald W. Reynolds, founder of the Donrey Media Group.
Members whose works have been selected for publication will be notified. After all winners have been notified, a list of winning entries will be posted on the Phi Theta Kappa website. Members whose entries have been selected to be published retain the rights to their work.

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**Plagiarism Policy**

All works submitted to *Nota Bene* must be the work of the author. If a work submitted is determined to be plagiarized from any source, the following steps will be taken:

- The member who submitted the plagiarized works will be notified by letter of the incidence of plagiarism, with proofs supplied.
- The plagiarized submission and any other submission by that member will be disqualified from consideration for publication in *Nota Bene*.
- The member's chapter advisor and college president will be notified by letter of the incidence of plagiarism, and proof will be supplied to each of them.

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**For more information**

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